

insolvency and hurts taxpayers in the process.

It seems the left would rather dump taxpayer money into a broken multi-employer pension system to appease unions than do the hard work of drafting bipartisan legislation.

In fulfilling this promise to his union buddies, President Biden ignored his responsibility to safeguard American taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, last time I checked, the President serves all Americans, not just union bosses. Perhaps his memory has failed him yet again.

#### WE MUST FIGHT TO RESTORE ABORTION RIGHTS

(Mr. LEVIN of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my pure outrage at this extremist, right-wing majority of the Supreme Court stripping one of the most important rights in this country away from people: the right to have an abortion. This decision endangers marginalized communities and strips the bodily autonomy away from millions of Americans, including my own 17-year-old daughter. We must not rest until we restore people's freedom to control their own bodies and their own decisions.

I want to emphasize that abortion is still legal in Michigan. The very day that Roe was overturned in the Dobbs decision, our biggest health system, Beaumont-Spectrum, announced that they would end abortion services, counter to current Michigan law.

I worked privately and publicly to reverse that, and, happily, they did so the same weekend.

We will fight to restore abortion rights, to maintain them in all the States where they still exist. This is a fight for all of us, and it is up to us to protect everyone's rights.

#### INFLATION IS A TAX ON ALL OF US

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, skyrocketing prices are eating away at family budgets across the country; 8.3 percent, 8.6 percent, and now 9.1 percent—those were the inflation rates for April, May, and June of this year. Year over year, energy prices are up 34 percent; gas, 48 percent; fuel oil, 106 percent; electricity, 12 percent; meat, poultry, and eggs, 14 percent.

But worse is the majority's answer: Double down on Build Back Better and a tax-and-spend agenda that raises taxes on local businesses and farmers as our country enters a recession.

While targeted stimulus during the COVID pandemic may have been appropriate, the plodding reaction of the

Federal Reserve, combined with the typical reaction of the Democratic majority to spend trillions on Green New Deal projects and blue State bailouts, have caused paychecks to shrink and a lack of faith in the economic future of Americans to rise.

Inflation is a tax on all of us. This 40-year high inflation rate is a wake-up call to return to fiscal sanity. Unfortunately, no one needs a crystal ball to see that my friends on the other side of the aisle are busy hitting the snooze button once again on addressing this inflation crisis.

#### HONORING CONNIE DEEKEN WILLIAMS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent from my hometown, Anaheim, California: Connie Deeken Williams.

Last month, Mrs. Williams celebrated her 110th birthday. Happy birthday to Connie. She is now the oldest resident in Orange County on record, and she is one of only 100 Americans alive today to reach that milestone.

Mrs. Williams was born in 1912 and grew up on a farm in North Dakota with three siblings. During the 1918 pandemic, she survived the Spanish flu. After graduating from high school, she moved across the country to Los Angeles, working as a maid and bookkeeper to help her brother pay rent.

The United States has come a long way since 1912, and I have no doubt of our American ability to move forward just like Mrs. Williams has done every day of her life.

Happy birthday to Connie. Happy birthday from all of us.

#### THE BIDEN PRICE HIKE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, this time last year, President Biden told the American people that inflation was just temporary, just transitory, not a real big deal. The truth is hitting harder than a Mayflower moving van escaping California.

Yesterday, the Consumer Price Index for June came in and the results are even worse than expected, at least by some. To real Americans, it is probably not a real surprise.

The Biden administration's economic policies have produced record inflation, a 41-year record, at 9.1 percent, and that is probably low to most Americans.

As inflation continues to skyrocket, wages have actually decreased. In fact, since President Biden took office, real wages have decreased by about 5 percent.

Across the Nation, Americans are dipping into their savings to stay on

top of their increasing grocery and gas bills.

Multiple polls show that Biden's economic crisis is the top issue for Americans, and the vast majority of Americans agree that the economy is in crisis directly due to the administration's failed policies.

In fact, I held a telephone townhall last night with 70,000 callers from around my district joining in. Ninety percent responded in the poll saying that the economy is their top concern. The Biden administration needs to get with it.

#### GENERAL MILLEY NEEDS TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

(Mr. BANKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, our Constitution is clear: The President is the Commander in Chief.

Sidestepping the President and violating the chain of command is a grave crime.

According to Bob Woodward's book "Peril," General Mark Milley directed senior military officials not to follow the President's orders, unless General Milley approved them first.

When I asked General Milley about "Peril" at an Armed Services hearing, he claimed he hadn't read it.

Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY and I sent a letter to General Milley asking him to verify or refute the book's claims. He hasn't responded.

I am calling on General Milley to set the record straight. General Milley is accused of secretly seizing the President's military powers. That is the most serious crime. If he is innocent, he has a duty to say so.

#### CONGRATULATING DARREN CAMMAUF

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional student athlete from my congressional district.

Darren Cammauf, a recent graduate of Manheim Township School District, distinguished himself in track and field this past season, ultimately winning the 400-meter dash held at the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association Indoor State Championship earlier this year.

A leading member of the Blue Streak Track and Field team, Cammauf had a successful senior season as well.

He set a new school record for the best time in the 400-meter race. At the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championships, Darren won the 400- and 200-meter dashes as well as led the 1,600-meter relay team to victory. He capped his senior season off with a third-place victory in the 400-meter dash at the PIAA Class 3A competition.

Darren will be attending St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia to continue